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Another Blow at France

Whatever may be the truth with reference to the imminence of a new German offensive in the West, it is patent that the sole remaining chance for a German vic-

The Russian collapse has provided Germany with a strategic reserve in the West for the first time since Verdun. It is posrible now for the Germans to repeat the Verdue attack upon France without weakoning their lines at any point on the West front. If they can defeat the French overwhelmingly, or if they can impose upon the French such great losses as to produce approximate exhaustion, they may hope to achieve a separate peace with France before the United States can become an effective force in the war.

In the winter of 1915-'16 the British army was incapable of supporting the French by an offensive in Flanders or by reinforcements in Lorraine. Not until July was the British army able to move, and it German attack upon Verdun alone.

Dunajee, temporarily eliminated Russia criticism which he put forth.

France. It is inconceivable that the Ger- prices for foodstuffs, the public will be widely. mans can hope to break the British spirit abundantly grateful. by any offensive that they might conduct

mistake the danger which must now be for you print?" is a favorite query put to cannot give that unquestioning support to all of us as a result of French sacrifice newspaper men. In the view of these the country that makes his own individual and devotion in the first three years of the cynics, newspapers spend most of their freedom in time of peace possible, his To the Editor of The Tribune. war. We are bound to recognize that from time misspelling names, imagining incithe Marne to the Somme France was manhandling life as it is led. obliged to bear the burden of the war practhenty single handed. We are bound to the query above, and that is: "Newspapers The High School Teachers' Association recognize now that, despite the very best get such of their facts as are absurd from after discussion adopted the following intentions and the very best efforts, Amer- the absurd human beings who for one resolution:

not have a considerable army ready for the truth. action next year, and it will be impossible For a small but significant illustration fate of Messrs. Mufson, Schmalhausen and for us to intervene in the war to lift the we note in the news of the day in sundry Schneer may safely be left to the Board burden of France to any effective degree newspapers an account of an operation of Education.

to do much for the French. They will untion of the line, as we may take over a operated upon for appendicitis, dear soldier rises above the terror of war and butsmall portion, but now that the Italian reader? Or for anything else? If you situation has demanded British and French have you will know just how much "restarmies, and the Balkan situation still reing of ether. If the doctors had an- and defiance of fate. These signs are not tell the truth as he knew it, but that it was quires large Allied forces at Salonica, the nounced that the patient was suffering grim in irony or threatening in aspect, as are galling in the extreme to be compelled to Allies on the West front will not only lack acutely and could not possibly rest for some erected by the enemy, but are full of write and publish what he knew to be untrue, be, in equipment, trained personnel and practhe men for an offensive, but will have to many hours they would have described a the spirit of hope and purpose. The ripple talse, mischievous and slanderous. husband their reserves until America in- mild case of post-operative torture.

New Bork Tribune German policy dictates that in the time distortions of fact of which during dear Last-the Treth. News-Editorials. United States arrives she should concentrate all her energy and all of her effort facts from a maze of ignerant, wilfully on a final assault upon France. Such an deceiving, conflicting witnesses! The next time you find an error in Shattered and torn and dumb.

States has a million troops on the West your favorite newspaper try an experiment. Try to capture one small fact sharks

Tok Corporation. Onder Reid, President, G. Vernor one Building, 134 Names Street, New York. Tokephone. Improveible if the President of the Pres tained half or three-quarters of a million the truth is and how very unpopular. IN THE UNITED STATES, OUTSIDE OF GREATER MORE troops on the East front. But Russia as at present controlled has presented Germany with the final opportunity to win There could be no better illustration of "When I sailed forth in my sloop-o'-war

If the final German assault upon France fails, as the first two failed at the Marne our big and little cities. The illumination and at Verdun, Germany will face com- of these "white ways" involves a serious It was gun for gun, and the best man plete disaster in 1919, without reserves waste of fuel. In the winter months, Entered at the Postoffice at New York as Second Class and in the presence of a great American when communities everywhere are clamorarmy, which will represent the strategic ing for coal, the use of coal to create a purchase merchandise advertised in Tillia army, which will represent the strategic with absolute safety-for it disestisfaction results reserve of the Western Allies. Mere conback upon request. No red tage. No quibbling. We make until the Market on the present lines until the Market Co.

the snow flies next autumn. If she suc- usual. ceeds, Germany may be able to achieve the A brief experiment sufficed to show that posed by Isabel F. Hapgood. My Russian negotiated peace which will leave her the saving thus effected was almost friends continue to say to me (I do not read strong on the Continent. She may be able negligible. The original programme repthus to repeat the achievement of Napo- wanted is a wholesale elimination of leon, who several times defeated Austria, waste. Why should "white ways" con-Prussia and Russia before he finally tinue to flare at all in war time? The Democratic party are, indeed, as Isabei F. failed. But if France can bear the ulti- fuel they burn up is certainly needed for Hapgood suggests, the "Maximalists." That mate test with such help as is available better purposes. But instead of elimina- is, they demand the maximum or extreme the end will not be hard to perceive when tion the commission now suggests a secthe German strategic reserve released by usual" advocates. We are to have "light- Socialist policy. the Russian collapse has vanished as did less nights," just as we now have "meatthat other reserve which melted away on less days" and "wheatless days." But on the heights above the Meuse before the other nights the signs are to be allowed still inviolate Verdun.

The New Markets Commissioner

because it was still imperfectly prepared of Foods and Markets, could have helped Friday night or a Sunday night, why for a battle test. From February until other conditions than those he had to work rest of the week? There is no just par-July France had to bear the burden of the under is beside the point. The point is allel between partial abstention from foods that, holding that office for a long period and partial abstention from the high lights Before making their attack upon Ver- of time, he proved unable to affect condidun the Germans had by their successful tions favorably for the public either by patriotic duty as well as a necessary campaign in Russia, which began at the his official acts or the great volume of conomy, why shouldn't we accustom our that I am forced to cling to the explanation I

as a military factor. They were able to has succeeded to this place under the rebring many of their best troops from east organization of the state's food board— saving law for the summer months? their heavy artillery, and their great capt- be able to accomplish more. He will have might as well begin at once to take war ures of Russian guns and supplies mate- in his favor the new state food law, which, conditions seriously. Whiteless "white upon France at that time a wound which has never been healed and never been healed and never been healed and never acen. has never been healed and never accu- conditions gained as the operator of a rately appraised outside of France herself. large dairy farm. He may be expected to As Letween the British and the Germans, work in harmony with Mr. Mitchell and he situation as to morale is unmistakably the other members of the State Food Com- Committee of the Board of Education that favorable to the British. They have never mission, which Mr. Dillon, a holdover from the three teachers suspe

"Resting Comfortably"

dents that never happened, and generally where it is, but of all places in the world istration appealed to the nation to prevent

Beaumont-Hamel, in November. We shall as it is the concern of those other purwhenever they are more interesting than School Committee and these expressions

for appendicitis upon the wife of a dis-In that period the British will be able tinguished citizen. After the operation the doctors who performed it announced

The case is an especially good one because the doctors were accurate folk who For the next year the war is going to be did not mean to misrepresent. They sina question of France. Sound, if brutal, ply handed out one of the conventional ful what the fee has sought to destroy.

German policy dictates that in the time distortions of fact of which our dear, Davey and Jacob and John task is when it is compelled to get its "Down to my ancient haven

front. Such an assault would have been yourself, in your own home town. You impossible if the Russian armies had rewill quickly discover just how wary a bird. For the sea was clean of the submarine

Whiteless "White Ways"

the war. Germany is bound to take ad- the hesitation with which we are adjusting our affairs to war conditions than An honest foe gave blow for blow the timidity of the fuel administration's campaign against the "white ways" of The great green sea had a chivalry street gliter, which warms nobody, is a cruel absurdity.

Yet the Fuel Commission has shrunk until the United States arrives will bring from cutting off this empty display-ia the decisive defeat of Germany, but noth- itself a mockery to every householder with A stab in the dark may reach its mark; et ing can insure this in advance of our a depleted coalbin and every dweller in a sparingly heated tenement or apart. The proudly free will rule the sea The Germans to-day are in the position ment house—simply because it does not wish to apply the logic of war conditions For the lads in blue are as stanchly true of Napoleon in the early evening hours at to people who have acquired the habit of Waterloo. He had the Guard, and if the lavish street sign advertising. A furor Guard could break the British line he was raised which lasted a couple of Said John Paul Jones to Jacob Jones could still win the battle before all the months when the commission announced Prussian troops arrived; but if he put the its first plan for restricting "white way" Guard in and they failed, he was certain display. But when that plan went into to face disuster and ruin. He took his effect it was found to have been trimmed shall dispose of France before the United shall dispose of France before take her gamble. She must endeavor to fore and after certain hours. But the break the will and spirit of France before smaller signs were to be left blazing as me that I cannot accept the intended cor;

resented a mere nibble. And what is The word "Bolshevikl," being translated, to blaze away without restriction.

This is only another evidence of halfwithout "white way Whether John J. Dillon, Commissioner aire, restaurant and shop signs on a It is to be hoped that Dr. Porter, who shouldn't we also reinforce saving in use

We are in for a hard, long war. We To the Editor of The Tribune

Disloyalty in the Schools

The recommendation of the High School ided from De Witt favorable to the British. They have never a previous period and a previous political made the great losses of the Germans nor administration, was not at all certain to administration, was not at all certain to administration, was not at all certain to administration of these nations to the formation of these nations to blot the very name and memory of Poland missed is equivalent to a verdict of guilty from the minds of markind, the various political administration, was not at all certain to administration of these nations to blot the very name and memory of Poland made the great losses of the Germans nor pressure. They have behind them a long stretch of I wall but unmistakable victories authorities, the city authorities. The stretch of I wall but unmistakable victories by a jury. In their case the court to impose the sentence will be the Board of To one pulsating with the sternal varieties. stretch of local but unmistakable victories on the offensive, and there is no such or all of them working together, can give on the offensive, and there is no such or all of them working together. on the offensive, and there is no such weariness in the British nation as has been to the hard-beset consumers is badly need to be has recently been declared by two grasp of data and a clear-headed historical weariness in the British nation as has been ed. If this change operates to produce an induced by invasion and devastation in acceleration of supply or a reduction of of supply

of Education, says:

On the other hand, it would be idle to "Where do you get the absurd facts of a teacher as of a soldier. If a teacher

ica will be quite as powerless to aid facts accurately." Newspapers, truthtelling newspapers, spend a very large who aids and encourages pupils to defy store to keep open until 11 and 12 p. m., be in which to make our schoolhouses in especially at the present time, when help is the truest sense national centres, serving France decisively next year as were the telling newspapers, spend a very large who aids and encourages pupils to defy store It took the British from August, 1914, statements, running them to their source grace to his calling and false to his proto July, 1916, to raise and organize a citi- and getting at the truth. A certain pro- fessional duties, and any teacher who, ac- of the press. portion of error gets by-not as great a cepting his livelihood at the hands of the zen army, which made its first appearance on the offensive in the Battle of the Somme neighborhood gossip, for it is the concern mine the authority of the government is a and did not achieve real efficiency for of newspapers, of honest ones, that is, to dishonest and deceifful person and totally the support of the influential press, that it that to day comprise, the New York public some months thereafter, not in fact until allow for errors and correct them, where- until to be a member of the teaching prosome months thereafter, not, in fact, until allow for errors and correct them, where- unfit to be a member of the teaching pro-

of opinion by the authorities quoted, the

American Humor at the Front

bles in sparkling effervescence over the battle lack of reverence. They are capred to trees"? CHAR indomitable resolve to revise and make use press"? Ottawa, Dec. 3, 1917. lack of reverence. They are expressive of books. Shall we call it "

The gallant ships they come; Broken and bent, with their spirits spent.

JACOB

To face the task assigned, Which I returned in kind.

Which the slinking Hun disowns:

When I was Jacob Jones."

When I was Davey Jones!"

JOHN

"Times may change, but the changeless

Knows only the old, old way. It never can win the day! Till the Hun his shame atones:

As when I was John Paul Jones.

On Glory's star-strewn height: Lift up your eyes-the flag still flies! They've only begun to fight!" STANLEY J. QUINN.

Who Are the Bolsheviki?

Sir: It is a matter of sincere regret to rection of my article on the Bolsheviki- promeans unjority, and "Minsheviki" means minority. fact, that the majority of the Russian Socialrevolutionary Socialist programme. The are also the "Minsheviki." "minimalists," who demand a less extreme

Were Isabel F. Hapgood more familiar, perhaps, with the labor and Socialist movements of Europe she would realize that "majority" and "minority" are terms constantly used to posed of. They are not fundamentally designate the two factions into which most national Socialist parties are divided. At a recent convention of the Russian Social-Democratic party the "Maximalista" or revolutionary faction became, by a very small majority vote, the "Bolsheviki," or majority. gether and work together without real diffi-The "minimalists," or reformist faction, was they were quite right.

Were Isabel F. Hapgood's statement correct in every detail, as it is in substance, it would nuch more simply described. So I regret

New York, Dec. 6, 1917. FRANK BOHN.

The Polish Question

Sir: In Frank H. Simonds's contribution to Sunday's Tribune the international implicahas a distinctly "Made in Germany" get up. Too few neorle realize to what an extent data affecting Poland have a German or a

an calumniation and duplicity. Within the brief limits of his article Mr. Simonds has made a genuine contribution to the literature subject, and to this extent he has "The same degree of loyalty is asked made thousands of readers his debtors LEON POZNANSKI,

Elmhurst, N. Y., Dec. 10, 1917.

Early Closing to Save Coal

he should not be in the school as the repre- vaste of fuel the members of the Long Island City Pharmaceutical Association immediately voted to close their stores one hour sooner to able centre that the nation has, and we must assist the government. ssist the government.

Most of our stores are now closed at 10 the state for this particular service." And,

p. m. (11 p. m. on Saturdays), and we hope to it must be said, the State of New York exorder to succeed we must have the support We received to-day a letter from P. B. duty of the newly appointed Board of Edu-

Noyes, chairman of the conservation division, cation to utilize every resource, material commending our work. commending our work.
We feel that this movement should have

not surpass the British in speed. We shall veyors of news, gossips, to create errors On the finding of facts made by the High LONG ISLAND CITY PHARMACEUTICAL schools the vigorous, rapidly growings but

Long Island City, Dec. 10, 1917.

German "Freedom of the Press' To the Editor of The Tribune. Sir: Referring to the dialogue that a few

of your readers are carrying on in your es-teemed paper over the question of "free the schools. "The university of the people," speech," permit me to say that it amounts after for nearly thirty years utilizing The irrepressible ebullience of the Yankee to incredibly bad faith when anybody deres

I have lived very many years in Berlin and front. On devastated fields, where he tolk to was closely connected with the chief editor restore some semblance of civilization, ac of the "National Zeitung." He used to tell ing comfortably" there is after any tak- erects signs that indicate his eternal optimism me that it was bad enough to be forbidden to the spirit of hope and purpose. The ripple of laughter that flows from them may strike some of the more serious-minded as in some sense out of place, but they really show no hinted at that abominable system in his

The Foundation of Russian National Unity

A Prediction That Her Essential Geographical Unity Will Prevail

By Frank Bohn, Ph. D.

In many quarters the greatest fears are exgive to Russia the basis for an enormous The only sou industrial development. Russia is, fortu- was Czarism. pressed for the future of the Russian nation. These fears are unfounded. The future of nately, possessed of a most serviceable systhe Russian nation is as safe as that of the tem of inland waterways. American nation. The proofs of this staterivers total over fifty thousand miles. Whether ment are easily presented and readily or not Central and Eastern Siberic can l successfully moulded into the Russian grasped. Russian national unity, political tion is for the future to decide. But Westand secial, is founded deep upon her essential era Siberia is sure to remain an integral part geographical unity. That is why, as a naand entity, the Russian nation will weather

vergence. Will not the various racial ele-ments of this enormous territory finally make Place before you a map of Europe. You will note that the soil of every nation, alnational unity under a democratic system most without exception, is a geographical impossible?

Racial Differences Exaggerated

unit. Generally the land of a people is surrounded by sea or mountains, or both. In Let me say at the outset that racial dif- ing neither Russian the case of Germany it is not so, nor as re ferences in the structure of European na- neither sympat gards the Balkans. Thereby hangs a tale. tions have been enormously overemphasized. The terrible history of Germany and of her The theory, for instance, that the French are capital vengeance upon the world for that history one race, the Germans another, and so on, it will undoubted so much in error as to be quite ridiculous. rests upon the fact that she is not physio-The German people and the French people the Baltie reg graphically a national unit. The Balkans are entirely open on the north, on the east, are both composed primarily of two chief racial difficulties We shall not here discuss formerly. on the south. They are neither a nation nor a number of nations. The babble of third and fourth elements, which are less important. The body of both the Ger- hussia, begging their many tongues, the hodge-podge of their races and creeds, calls for an ordering which cannot come from within in this generation. With Russia it is entirely different. Here race, which is predominant in the limits of geographical national life are yrance, fades into the great Middle European pretty carefully set. Russia, from her historical birth in the west centre of her patrimony a thousand years ago, spread west to the Baltic and the Carpathians; east, first ly as the Eastern and Central French. The to the Urals and then to the far away Pacific; southeast to the Caspian and south to the Black Sea and the Caucasus Mountains. These are the limits set by relentless physi-

Her home has been the hinterland of Europe. Sea commerce, the mother of European civilization, did not touch Russia. Open to constant invasion from Asia, she the size of the nation and her history, surremained long Asiatic in character.

tion naturally evolved.

all the storms which may come upon her.

Religious Antipathies

The Russian nation undoubtedly presents considerable internal variations. We shall show that these will be overcome in the The religious differences can be quickly disportant in modernized peoples. With the ern markets and of the social classes prolations of various religious beliefs live to duced by the conditions obtaining among nomadic tribes and primitive agricultural populations. The peoples in modern nations do not quarrel about religion, although religious differences, so called, are often used as a means of deception to serve the interests of classes or groups in political and economic conflicts. The Russians proper form the great bulk of the membership of the great Greek Orthodox Church. Besides Protestant Lutherans of Finland and the Ukraine. the provinces of the Caucasus. But the na-

less important than would seem. The far Such differences are easily overcome by mod-In fact, the climatic differences here

Lectures and Loyalty

Centres of Nationalism

Sir: At this hour, critical in the history

costly experiments in the elementary schools

are to be abandoned, when the world's great-

prophetic are the words of John Finley: " . . . the schoolhouse is the most avail-

the wartime needs of the community and the nation? Will it not be the highest

Leipziger continued alone to blaze the trail

Legislature Dr. Maxwell is the legally con-

the utmost in its parallel and independent course the material and intellectual good

will of the schools, at last-if the authorities so dispose-may yield up its independence,

and, closely coordinated with the schools, directed by school superintendents, enter

upon a wider field, spreading through city

tical ideas, to this dual mobilization is

What the contribution of the schools would

Has the time not come when the

trays met the appreciation they have de- tenity to do her "bit,"

educative and institutional phases of the New York, Dec. 7, 1917.

in peril, by enactment of a farseeing

it seemed to Dr.

In 1901, when the diverse educational units books.

to the education of adults. To-day, as the war storm increases and nations and cities New York, Dec. 11, 1917. C. F.

Public Schoolhouses Should

To the Editor of The Tribune:

man and the French peoples is made up of to make or Middle European stock, The Germanic

Ceitic stock in the North, Central and Eastern France. The great mass of the South great an econo Germans are of the same racial stock exactessential factor in the national lives of these peoples is that these various racial elements have been blended within historical times by economic relationships, social contact and intermarriage in contiguous tercal geography to the enormous Russian na-The foundation of national unity Even if Russian Poland were lopped each case is geographic form, which leads to economic unity. There is not a naoff by the Germans the Russian nation would suffer no great physical injury. The modern tion in Europe whose people are racially European nations are located upon single with the subject disseminate by popular islands, peninsulas or unified plains. Ruschausinistic writers in practically all the nasia is a vast pinin upon which a single naions and believed by the various populations is one of the primary causes of bitter racial hatreds. It has been a lesser and yet important cause of European wars. Racial differences in Russia, considering

> prise one by their limitations. For instance. Samovedes in the far north. These elements tribes of Esquimaus in Northern Alaska en-Cossacks of the Don and of the Volga do not constitute a separate race. They are an artificially created population, settled upon concerning the future of Constantinople, frontier territory for the purpose of profrom invasion and furnishng a professional soldiery for the Caars Mongolian elements. In Poland, in the Riga millions of Hebrews. Yet the population of European Russia presents fewer racial differences than that of the United States. The basic stock of the Russian people is the same' element which prevails in Southern and all Central Canada and Alaska were Germany and Eastern France-the Middle separate nation composed of a distinct p European or Alpine stock.

The Alien Groups

The nationalistic groups within the Russian territory which present real problems this national religion there are three other are four in number: Finland, the Germans groups, the Polish Roman Catholics, the of the Baltic provinces, Poland and the are four in number: Finland, the Germans Baltic provinces, and the Mahometans in manded absolute independence. Though connected racially with the people of the Scantionalism of the Finns, of the Poles and dinavian countries, the Finns understand of the Baltic Germans is not primarily re- only too well the economic bond which ligious. It is linguistic and traditional.

The climatic differences of Russia do not farmers furnish dairy products for Petrograd unites their land to Russia. The Finnish ures of Russian guns and supplies materially aided them in the great venture.

The climatic differences of Russia do not great venture, ways" ought to be the rule until peace with a discernment and comprehensiveness endanger national unity in this age. Extendition of the Polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness endanger national unity in this age. Extendition of the Polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness endanger national unity in this age. Extendition of the Polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness endanger national unity in this age. Extendition of the Polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensiveness of the polish question were envisaged with the polish question were envisaged with a discernment and comprehensive and the polish question were envisaged with the polish rially aided them in the great venture.

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They failed at Verdun, but they inflicted the failed at Verdun, but they are the failed at Ver subject, the mere mention of which never less important than would seem. The far singfors and Viborg are to Petrograd what fails to send a tremor along the Hohenzel- north resembles Alaska. The furthest south the cities of Connecticut are to New York lern spine, smells of the encyclopedia and might well be compared to Pennsylvania. City, Finland will undoubtedly demand a considerable degree of home rule. She will ask to ern means of transportation and communica- be a state among the United States of Russia tion is probably too much to be

Poland is the first industrial cen- humanity everywhere ar-Variety in economic production in a mod- textile and metal manufacturing centres, that ern nation is an advantage rather than Their natural market is Russia. An attempt otherwise. Until we have universal free to place a tariff wall between Poland and them to deceive themselves as regards Co trade a great nation is much the richer and Russia would meet with the strongest dis- stantinople. This ancient eastern capital the stronger because of different forms of economic production. Russia, primarily agricultural, has enormous forests in the north and centre which have recently yielded sim will live on among the peasantry and stronger to the high seas is the south must be acquired; so will the bots of the Russian nation be completed and between the south must be acquired; so will the bots of the Russian nation be completed and between the south must be acquired; so will the south must be acquired; so will seas in the her great wealth through export. Her ex- land-holding nobility long after it has ceased

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square foundation of business administration,

approved teaching methods, popular clamor for serious subjects, correlation of history,

cience, sociology, art and music, courses

often repeated; conferences, examinations,

Knit Anywhere

To the Editor of The Tribune.

other ills brought on by exposure?

FLORENCE M. NORCROSS.

Poland can find a place as well as

man aristocrate of

largely artificial. the Ruthenian population of Galicia. Ukra Ukrainian student Russian unity from that source

A United States of Russia Demanded

What the very existence of Finland, Pe land, the Baltic provinces and the Ukraite demand is the institution of a United States of Russia. The size of Russia, as well desirable, but absolutely necessary. A dem only if federalized as ours has been,

This is a stupendous error.

Gibraltar, should be neutralized we shall a Yet the relationship discuss here. try to make clear by the following compa Suppose that the Mississippi Valle pic. Suppose further that this population only on Hudson Bay and the Bering Suppose Mexico controlled Texas and ti artificial political line drawn between reaports of a great continent and the hinte land must be a great curse, a hindrance progress, to natural economic development policy of Italy in demanding Trieste and the eastern littoral of the Adriatic is rooted fundamental economic and political error. successful it will plant pregnant seeds the good nature of the Russian a and their intense longing for peace mide

Stay-at-Home Patriots*

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structive value appraised and their useful-ness determined in terms of the nation's A Protest Against Political Influence The complete story of the growth of the lectures year by year, from 1888 to 1917, so far as the writer knows, has never yet

To the Editor of The Tribune.

Sir: I read with great interest the article of New York's public school system, when Dr. Leipziger's rare and apt quotations and published in your edition of Sunday, Decesoriginal epithets would adorn each page, ber 9, in regard to our patriotic young mes while keen intellect, real, unflagging and within the draft age who hastened to offer ber 9, in regard to our patriotic young mes est public lecture system is without a per- dogged determination would give life and their services in the quartermaster and or manently appointed supervisor, sobering and character to word and phrase. Statistics, nance departments in connection with so often dead, here would be visualized into to be performed in this country.

living truths. Appropriations would grow from \$15,000 to \$160,000, the number of centres from 6 to mearly 200, audiences from cur young men who have volunteered or ter 186 to more than 6,000, auditors from 22,149 called into the first line fighting forces in it must be said, the State of New York ex- to over 1,000,000. In succession the high course, something that time alone will pects the city to perform its share of the lights would play on the brightening can--lectures on practical subjects, publicity the name which is being applied more and more to those who have sought and are see interest, cooperation, libraries, college teachers and specialists, lantern views and experiing certain positions.

My purpose, however, in writing this letter ments, schoolhouses and private halls, the is that by publicity, if by no other means, we may keep the personnel of our army and always been the just pride and honor of et

entirely free from such taint, There is uncountedly a need for many of The declaration of Dr. Figley was timely cers and men to serve in this country during the duration of the war, but those position school were wrought into one organic whole, and must not be ignored. May the sober complicate the problem by merging into the er for the City of New York by the knowl edge that each schoolhouse is indeed a national centre, in which, under wise control, physical defects are not qualified for the public lectures, as an integral part of duty. For example, many men trained a special branches in civil life have given a their positions to attend the first and seems training camps. Of these a certain perestage have failed to obtain commission that later became the straight broad road the schools, with renewed spirit and broader either through physical defects which veloped in training, or through failure Sir: I desire to take exception to the letters develop or to show all those qualities from A. Comfort and M. Rockwell in The leadership necessary for field service. Do they realize that many women who not a few instances have found that

spend eight hours a day in offices and factoever by some one else. From such ries and make their own clothes at night are working wonders in knitting garments in the work rather than from men whose time spent travelling back and forth to work and nation practical loyalty and intelligent in the subway, etc., that will keep our soldiers the draft approaches. and sailors from becoming paralyzed from theumatism or dying from pneumonia and recessary to qualify physically for consions in the ordnance and quartermaster In my opinion, any American woman worthy partments in the same manner as in of that name will utilize every spare moother branches of the service, but The lectures, on the other hand, while ment, no matter where, to protect the health they have brought tearning and refined and welfare of the men who are sacrificing recreation to millions, have not, it is said, everything for us, and be proud of the oppor-

be far better to lower the physical stan-for such commissions in these branch not require active foreign service. have the conditions set forth in you

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